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**The Pledge.** I pledge my allegiance to My Flag and to the Republic for which it stands; one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

## IT WILL BREAK OUT.

It seems to be the case with the pro-German that he will declare himself, even tho he must now know that his action will only bring him trouble. Take the case of the Reverend Philip Koenig for instance.

Before Mr. Koenig left Ontario he had incurred the enmity of many citizens by his attitude toward the war, and the arrogant manner in which he upheld all things German. Of course in so doing Mr. Koenig was merely being German. That is the nature of the German, ie. most of them, to consider all the rest of humanity beneath them.

Judging by the attitude Rev. Koenig is said to have taken concerning the sinking of the Lusitania he deserves more than a mere slap in the face. The woman who performed that chastisement, however deserves public praise for she has attracted the notice of the public to a citizen whose loyalty is not above question and who should be known for what he is. There are others who occupy a position similar to that of Rev. Koenig and the sooner the public recognizes them the safer will this nation be.

## A COMPARISON.

This fall when there was an I. W. W. scare abroad there was not the slightest difficulty in getting out a crowd of men ready and willing to fight for the peace and safety of Ontario. They were ready and willing, and they are still ready and willing to protect the city. Their desire to serve is laudable.

Just now we have a typhoid epidemic. It is not a typhoid scare. It is the real thing. Only indirectly, however, is the property with the city limits endangered. But the danger is never-the-less real. How many people do you suppose one could get-to-gether right now to consider ways and means of protecting the lives of our citizens against typhoid?

Why is there such a difference in the attitude toward such matters? Is it because in the case of the I. W. W. the men could visualize a real foe and the spirit of adventure and desire to protect property was strongly united; while in the case of typhoid the enemy can not be seen and unless the disease is near at home it is "the other fellows business"?

Or is it a case of pure ignorance and indifference combined? That is what some of the citizens are saying. The Argus can not agree with them for illiteracy is not prevalent here and anyone who can read knows what causes typhoid.

To the Argus it seems clear that it is just a question of getting the public conscience so thoroly awakened to the dangers of typhoid that the condition will no longer be tolerated in the city. When that day arrives the public will see to it that those who create such conditions seek other places of habitation.

There is no use of the city thinking of undertaking on its own account the cleaning of the vaults of open toilets. That is the duty of the property owner. He has no right, even on his own property, to create a nuisance which endangers the health and safety of the community. Of course to enforce such a law might take a lot of work on the part of the authorities under ordinary conditions, but that is one of "the some-things that must be done" of which there has been so much talk of late.

Just had far that clean-up would have to go is a question for the authorities to decide. The difference between the practical and the ideal may be sufficient protection, all that is needed in fact.

## THE CITY'S FINANCES.

It must be admitted in any discussion of the typhoid situation that the city is handicapped by the lack of funds. That is to be regretted, but is not necessarily an unsurmountable difficulty. It might not be even as hard a problem to solve as its twin, "scarcity of labor."

Each of these problems is sufficient to give the council something to think about. But if the public really wants the water and sewerage problems solved a way can be found. It is one of the boasts of Americans that they can do anything they set out to do. They can if, "the spirit is willing," and the flesh is not weak.

It is unfortunate, too, that the problem was not taken care of before the war times made such improvements so costly, but that again is no reason for not trying to solve it now. Human lives are more precious now than ever before. Like everything else the value of man power is increasing. Therefore it should be conserved. No more worthy tasks ever faced a body of men than the health problem which the council has on its hands. The adequate and final solution of that problem is worthy of their best efforts and should success crown their efforts, then the unstinted approval of the community should be their reward.

## MUST EXAMPLES BE MADE?

The patience of the American people is proverbial, but it has a limit. Almost every day one hears of some rabid pro-German utterance that makes the blood boil. Every day, too, there is talk of action. The Argus is betraying no secrets when it says that some of the people living in, and some living near the city would be better off if at once they adopt the practice of curbing their disloyal tongues.

It is all well to say what you think. The people generally admire a man who does that. But the people, a vast majority of them at least, insist that you think loyalty and not disloyalty.

## NOW IS THE TIME.

To be absolutely certain where the typhoid infection finds its medium of transmission in Ontario it would appear that an investigation is necessary. The only time to hold such an investigation is while the typhoid is active hereabout. When the epidemic stops there will be but a slight chance of tracing the course and then the case could hardly be decided beyond a doubt.

To make assurance doubly sure the Argus suggests that the City call in the State Board of Health for two reasons: First, because it is an outside body its decision would not be questioned; Second, because an investigation made by the officials of the board would undoubtedly be made by experts and would make possible and order by the state officials which would be heeded.

Of course the City could make any order enforced by the use of sufficient force, but the state board would not be hampered. Its mandate would be followed. An investigation by the state board of health, however, would be of greatest value because of the position of the board.

Bob Stanfield, according to the Stanfield Standard is undermined for which of two offices to aspire. Which ever Bob takes the notion to run for he will have an almost unanimous support in this section. But Bob should remember that in politics as is courting, sometimes, "he who hesitates is lost." But then it is a long time before the primaries.

While the Russian situation does not look encouraging remember that you can't kill a jelly fish by stepping on it. The Russians armies have a big territory into which to retire and the farther they retire the harder it is for German it hit them. Napoleon tried that once. History will repeat itself.

We believe Mayor Homan stated, the question properly when he said: "It may not be a disgrace for a city to have a case of typhoid, but is a disgrace if it continues to have it."

It is a mighty significant fact that not a person who was vaccinated last year for typhoid has taken sick this year. That is this should be significant to those who have not been vaccinated.

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The Grocers

## ANOTHER AUTOMOBILE FIRM NOW IN ONTARIO

Automobile companies and those selling accessories or doing repairing have a big lead over any other business, so far as the number of firms is concerned. During the past week a new firm has been added with the title of The Ontario Tire & Rubber Company. The location of the new institution is in the Fraser block north of Idaho avenue on Oregon street.

The new concern is to specialize in tire repairing of all kinds and

also in new and second hand tires. The members of the firm are Messrs. Allen & Weaver of Boise who have come to Ontario to make their home.

## PLENTY OF CATTLE STILL IN JORDAN VALEY COUNTRY

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Blackaby returned this week from a trip to Jordan Valley. While it was somewhat cooler in that section than over here, yet the weather was enjoyable, said Mr. Blackaby. "And", he added "Jordan Valley is certainly prosperous

this fall. The hay crop was good and the cattle men got good prices. There is a lot of cattle in the Valley too. Tho there have been many loads shipped from that section to represent the increase for the year and the holdings are as big as for this season of the year.

C. W. Mallett came down from ranch today on business.

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